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Draft report

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Chapter __

Organization of the session

A. Opening and duration of the session

1. The Commission for Social Development held its forty-second session at United Nations Headquarters on 21 February 2003 and from 4 to 13 February 2004. The Commission held ____ meetings (1st to ___).

B. Attendance

2. The session was attended by representatives of ____ States members of the Commission. Observers for other States Members of the United Nations and for non-member States, representatives of organizations of the United Nations system and observers for intergovernmental, non-governmental and other organizations also attended. The list of participants is contained in annex _____ to the present report.

C. Election of officers

3. In subparagraph (c) of its decision 2002/210 of 13 February 2002, the Economic and Social Council decided that "the Commission, immediately following the closure of a regular session, would hold the first meeting of its subsequent regular session for the sole purpose of electing the new Chairman and other members of the Bureau". In pursuance of that decision, the Commission elected the following officers by acclamation at its 1st meeting, on 21 February 2003:

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Chairperson:
Jean-Jacques Elmiger (Switzerland)

Vice-Chairpersons:
Darmansjah Djumala (Indonesia)
Ivana Grollová (Czech Republic)

4. At its 2nd meeting, on 4 February 2004, the Commission was advised that Mr. Djumala had resigned as Vice-Chairperson.

5. Accordingly, the Commission proceeded to elect the following three members by acclamation as Vice-Chairpersons, thus completing the election of the Bureau for the forty-second session:

Prayono Atiyanto (Indonesia)
Carlos Enrique García González (El Salvador)
Mwelwa C. Musambachime (Zambia)

6. Also at its 2nd meeting, the Commission designated Carlos Enrique García González (El Salvador) Vice-Chairman with rapporteurial responsibilities.

D. Agenda and organization of work

7. At its 2nd meeting, on 4 February, the Commission adopted its provisional agenda, as contained in document E/CN.5/2004/1/Rev.1. The agenda read as follows:

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
3. Follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly:
   (a) Priority theme: improving public-sector effectiveness;
   (b) Review of relevant United Nations plans and programmes of action pertaining to the situation of social groups:
      (i) Tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family;
      (ii) Equalization of opportunities for persons with disabilities;
      (iii) Modalities for the review and appraisal of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002;
   (c) Emerging issues, trends and new approaches to issues affecting social development: international migration and migrants from a social perspective.
4. Programme questions.
5. Provisional agenda for the forty-third session of the Commission.
6. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its forty-second session.

8. Also at the 2nd meeting, the Commission approved its organization of work, as contained in document E/CN.5/2004/L.1/Rev.1.

E. Documentation

9. The list of documents before the Commission at its forty-second session is contained in annex ____ to the present report.